



Governor's Economic Development and Workforce Development Public Meetings

You are invited to join Secretary of Commerce and Trade, Patrick Gottschalk and the Governor's Senior Advisor for Workforce, Daniel LeBlanc, for a meeting in your region to develop the Governor's Economic Development and Workforce Development Strategic Plans. Each of the meetings will be held from 9 a.m. sharp until 12:30 p.m., and will feature special sessions devoted to workforce and economic development topics. To ensure that these important plans include the voice of all Virginia's people and regions, please plan to attend and share your knowledge and expertise to contribute to the Commonwealth's future.

Locations:

- July 18 Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus
8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale VA 22003
The Forum, The Community Cultural Center
<http://www.nvcc.edu/annandale/annandalenew/directions.htm>
- July 20 Blue Ridge Community College, Weyer's Cave
One College Lane, Weyer's Cave VA 24486
Plecker Workforce Center
http://www.brcc.edu/Visitor/map_wc-bldg.htm
- July 21 Virginia Highlands Community College, Abingdon
1 VHCC Drive, Abingdon VA 24210
Learning Resources Center
<http://www.vhcc.edu/directions.htm>
- July 31 Institute for Advanced Learning and Research, Danville
150 Slayton Avenue, Danville, VA 24540
<http://www.ialr.org/contact.html>
- August 1 John Tyler Community College, Chester Campus
13101 Jefferson Davis Highway, Chester VA 23831
Nicholas Student Center, Room N102 B
<http://www.jtcc.edu/AboutCollege/CampusMaps/ChesterDirections>

August 2 Norfolk State University, Norfolk
700 Park Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23504
L. Douglas Wilder Performing Arts Center
<http://www.nsu.edu/about/directions.html>

Please feel free to forward to all those who may be interested in discussing these important topics. For further information please call **804-225-4520**.

To submit written comments, please mail them to
Secretary of Commerce and Trade, P.O. Box 1475, Richmond VA 23218 or e-mail your
comments to Christine.Simpson@governor.virginia.gov

Concurrent Work Sessions

Business Development/International Trade

- Maintaining a Favorable Business Climate
- Growing Existing Businesses
- Business Incentives
- Global Competition
- Strategies for Capital Formation
- Increasing Virginia Exports
- Agricultural Issues

Tourism

- Cultural and Historic Resources
- Natural Resources
- Marketing and Promotions
- Maintaining Virginia's Quality of Life

Leveraging Federal Assets/Encouraging Research and Development

- Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)
- Leveraging Federal Research Dollars
- Research, Development, and Venture Capital Funding
- Colleges and Universities in Economic Development
- Commercializing Research

Building Strong Regional Economies and Strong Communities

- Developing Rural Areas
- Developing Urban Cores
- Infrastructure and Transportation
- Workforce Housing Challenges
- Mainstreaming Virginia's Immigrant Population

Workforce System and the Role of Community Colleges

- Cooperative Curricula for Public Schools and Community Colleges
- Aligning Education with the Demands of a Global Economy
- Increasing and Marketing Career and Technical Course Offerings
- Increasing High School Completion and Second Chances for Dropouts
- Focusing Training Resources on Private Sector Demand

Workforce Policy Reform and the Local Infrastructure

- Incentives for Public/Private Coordination
- Workforce Investment Board Structure and Regions
- Promoting Best Practices
- Improving Business Participation in the Workforce Development System

One-Stop Delivery System

- Promoting Demand-Driven Individual Services
- Measuring Success
- Meeting Rural and Urban Needs
- Funding the One-Stop Delivery System

Workforce, Business, and Economic Development Collaboration

- Demand Forecasting
- Focusing on Regional Markets
- Serving Disadvantaged Populations
- Strategies for an Aging Workforce